

Beaver County
Beaver, UT 84713
January 6, 2003

The Board of County Commissioners met on January 6, 2003 at 10:00 a.m for its regularly scheduled meeting. Those present were William L. Dalton, Chairman; Mark S. Whitney, Member; Patrick R. Yardley, Member; Von Christiansen, Deputy Attorney and County Attorney Elect; Bryan L. Harris, Commission Assistant; and Paul B. Barton, Clerk/Auditor.

Minutes of the December 3, 6, 16, 23 & 30, 2003 meetings were read. It was moved by Comm. Yardley, seconded by Comm. Whitney and unanimously passed to approve the minutes.

Appointments to the Planning Commission were reviewed. It was moved by Comm. Yardley, seconded by Comm. Whitney and unanimously approved to appoint Robin Bradshaw and Rick Rose to 3 year terms.

Service District #1 appointments were discussed. The matter was tabled to the January 20, 2003 work meeting.

Mark Nelson, Extension Agent, met with the Board to request the Board approve the Standard Cooperative Agreement for Utah State University Extension Educational Work. It was moved by Comm. Whitney, seconded by Comm. Yardley and unanimously approved to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.

Comm. Whitney discussed a problem with dust on dry farms. Mr. Nelson stated that animals on the dry farm add to the problem. Mr. Christiansen will research the law and Mr. Nelson will work on a plan to help abate the dust.

The Board discussed goals and objectives to be accomplished in the year 2003.

Doug Sorenson, from the Forest Service; Leo G. Kanell, Deputy Attorney; and Mark Nelson met with the Board to discuss the noxious weed abatement program. The Board is concerned about the number of juniper and pinion trees and the way they are destroying the range grass and sage brush. Comm. Whitney is talking with the neighboring counties about cooperation with the problem. Mr. Harris will contact officials at the State Department of Agriculture and invite them to commission meeting.

Mr. Kanell discussed the possibility of purchasing a parcel of property in Milford on the corner of Main and 700 South in Milford or have Milford City declare the building unsafe, have the building abated and attach the costs as a lien on the property. It was moved by Comm. Whitney to make an offer on the property. The motion was seconded by Comm. Yardley with the statement that he feels that eventually Milford City should purchase the property from the County. All voted in favor of the motion.

Peggy Harrison, Field Coordinator for Congressman Chris Cannon, met with the Board to discuss the Minersville Lake Park land exchange. Congressman Cannon has agreed to sponsor legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senator Pete Domenici will sponsor and Sen. Bennett will co-sponsor legislation in the U.S. Senate.

Mr. Christiansen discussed the personnel policy re: compensation with the Board. Comm. Dalton and Comm. Whitney explained the reasoning behind the salary changes for 2003. No action was taken.

Craig Davis, Zoning Administrator, and Blake Smith met with the Board to discuss Mr. Smith's appeal of a Planning Commission decision. The Planning Commission denied Mr. Smith's conditional use permit to set up a gravel pit. Mr. Smith explained the proposal. Mr. Davis explained the basis for the decision of the Planning Commission. The following citizens attended the meeting: Lewis W. Corwin, Dolores Robinson, Cathy Baggs, Tina George, Sandra Utterback, Larry Utterback Sr., Dean Mackelprang, Betty C. Miller, Russ Owens, Blake Smith, Gene Henrie, Chris Smith, Alan Smith and Doug Erickson. Cathy Baggs spoke against the permit. Dean Mackelprang spoke against the permit and asked about conflicts of interest. Sandra Utterback spoke against the permit and

asked about effects on the water table. Russ Owens spoke in favor of the permit and stated that they do not intend to dig any deeper than the existing pit. Tina George spoke against the proposal and spoke about concerns re: the noise. Chris Smith spoke in favor of the proposal. Gene Henrie spoke in favor of the permit and stated that he is willing to work with the concerns of the neighboring property owners. Larry Utterback spoke against the permit and asked if this would open up the area to other industrial uses. Comm. Dalton stated that the Board was sending the matter back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration.

Mr. Christiansen discussed the open and public meetings law. No action was taken.

Doug Erickson met with the Board to discuss a request from the Division of Wildlife to install cattleguards on a county road below the “B” Hill. It was moved by Comm. Whitney, seconded by Comm. Yardley and unanimously approved to install the cattleguards with the condition that gates be installed.

Bills on file were approved for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED _____
Chairman

Clerk/Auditor
